

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting  
P.O. Box 1167  
Syracuse, KS 67878  
Meeting Place—Commissioner Room  
Hamilton County Courthouse  
August 20, 2013  
8:30 a.m.

John Simon, Chairman  
Randall C. Braddock, Vice-Chairman  
Michael Lewis, Commissioner  
Keith Puckett, Commissioner  
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner  
Rob Gale, Attorney  
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Commissioner Simon called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

AGENDA: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the August 13, 2013 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

BRYAN COFFEY: Mr. Coffey, Interim Hamilton County Hospital Administrator, discussed the following:

- 1) Partnering with Western Plain Medical Complex in Dodge City for a demonstration on a telemedicine eye robot.
- 2) Working on contracting with an Endocrinologist.
- 3) Hamilton Co Hospital will be a host site for education through Kansas Board of Healing Arts.
- 4) Presented current financial statements.
- 5) Billing issues are being addressed and has been narrowed down to software problems.
- 6) The new CT machine is fully installed and working. They are looking for a CT tech to work Monday through Friday.
- 7) Contacted some second year Residents for possible weekend ER coverage.
- 8) Working on replacing the damaged siding on the Sunflower Square apartments.

STEVE PHILLIPS: Mr. Phillips, Hamilton County Emergency Management Director, informed that due to the recent heavy rains, the Governor has declared a disaster for the State of Kansas which includes Hamilton County. If a disaster is declared by the Commission, there may be FEMA funds available to repair county roads that were washed out due to the rain. The County will need to apply for the FEMA reimbursement, which could be around 75% of our costs. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-15 *a Proclamation of a State and Local Disaster Emergency for Hamilton County, Kansas*. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed.

CHEMICAL COST SHARE: After discussion, Commissioner Braddock moved to only cost share on the chemical Picloram (Tordon) at 20% for bindweed eradication, effective January 1, 2014. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

RAILROAD CROSSINGS: Kerstin Mitchell, Rural Operations Secretary, presented a map of the 13 railroad crossings on Highway 50 in Hamilton County. It was decided to continue with the current Road Petition process to open any county roads with railroad crossings.

ROAD PETITION HEARINGS: A hearing for the two filed Road Petitions is scheduled for September 3, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. The Notice of Hearing will be published in the Syracuse Journal the two weeks prior to the hearing.

COOLIDGE CITY DITCH: The approach to the bridge going to the Coolidge School is washing out when it rains. Commissioner Schwerdfeger will contact City of Coolidge officials to discuss their options.

SW KANSAS AREA AGENCY ON AGING: Commissioner Simon moved to accept the resignation of Mavis Long as one of the County's representatives to the Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging Board, effective September 30, 2013. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Commissioner Simon moved to re-appoint Janice Hammond as a Hamilton County Representative to the Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging Board for a three year term ending September 30, 2016. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$8,048.32. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Schwerdfeger reported on a meeting she attended regarding water rights in Kansas and Colorado. Commissioner Braddock discussed the possibility of an individual bringing a rock crusher in to help with crushing rock at the Dunn Pitt and cement at the landfill. Also discussed the placement of part of Road 34 around the intersection of Road K.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Lewis moved for adjournment. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

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County Clerk

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